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Yakima physician has license suspended due to sexual assault charges

OLYMPIA — Criminal charges of second degree rape against Yakima-area physician Fady F. Sabry (MD00046541) have led state officials to immediately suspend his license. The Medical Quality Assurance Commission and the state Department of Health took the action based on allegations that Sabry engaged in sexual misconduct with two of his female patients.

Sabry was arrested on Friday, Sept. 20 on charges of second-degree rape of one of the patients.

Sabry cannot practice as a physician in Washington until these charges are resolved. He has 20 days to respond to the statement of charges filed by the commission and the Department of Health. During that time period, Sabry can request a hearing.

Legal documents in this case are available by calling 360-236-4700 or online by clicking the link to "Provider Credential Search" on the agency home page (doh.wa.gov).

The Medical Quality Assurance Commission protects and promotes public health, safety, and welfare in Washington by regulating physicians' and physician assistants' competency and quality. The commission develops rules, policies, and procedures to promote delivery of high-quality health care to state residents.

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